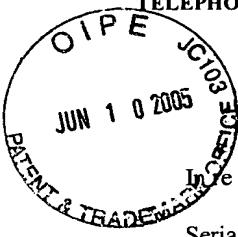


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In the application of: Volkhard Maess et al.

Serial No.: 09/868,827

Filed: June 20, 2001

For: PRINTING DEVICES WHICH OPERATES WITH AT LEAST THREE BRIGHTNESS STEPS AND METHODS TO BE EXECUTED THEREWITH FOR DETERMINING PRINTING PARAMETERS

AMENDMENT "B" AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	*26	MINUS	26		() X 25.00 () X 50.00	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 2	MINUS	3		() X 100.00 () X 200.00	\$0.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$150.00 () \$300.00 ONE TIME	\$0.00	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00	

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

■ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005 for 1 month so that the period for response is extended to June 8, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

■ A check in the amount of \$ 120.00 is attached.

A check for \$ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

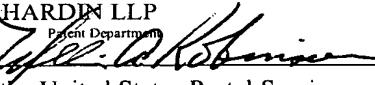
A check for \$ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

■ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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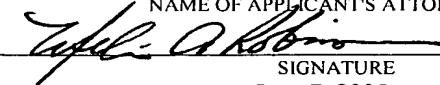
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT "B" and
Petition for Extension of Time**

APPLICANT: Volkhard Maess et al. CASE NO.: P01,0213
SERIAL NO.: 09/868,827 GROUP ART UNIT: 2622
FILING DATE: June 20, 2001 CONFIRMATION NO.: 6270
INVENTION: PRINTER DEVICES WORKING WITH AT LEAST THREE BRIGHTNESS LEVELS AS WELL AS METHODS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PRINTING PARAMETERS TO BE IMPLEMENTED THEREWITH

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PETITION

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a one month extension of time in the period of response for the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and are enclosing a check for the \$120.00 fee so that the period of response is extended from May 8, 2005, to June 8, 2005.

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 10.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney form as filed is attached after page 14 as requested by the Examiner.